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## *The Year of our Lord - 2021*

Dear Family and Friends,

“One of the puzzles of human nature—call it evidence of original sin—is that when things are going well, the impulse to gratitude vanishes. No, we did it ourselves. Why should we feel gratitude?” On Being Beholden By Glenn Arbery. Thought provoking! Our life is going very well. This past year and longer has been wonderful. We look over our loved ones with delight and joy. Of course we praise God, our Father for all His blessings. We acknowledge that we do not deserve any of them. The attitude is shaped by years in the Faith. Still, thought provoking, “being beholden”, it is so good just to run with the wind, enjoying the goodness of God. Blessed. The world is beholden to God for our infant Redeemer.

Covid! We have been spared. We wear our face masks, got our shots. Wonder if along with the annual flu shot, we won't be getting the annual covid update? The biologists are working to develop a number of vaccines, TB, malaria, Lyme, and more. Blessings to come! Still the last year has been impacted. A third fewer miles driven, fewer outside activities.

Yet we did travel to the National LWML convention in Lexington Ky. Our first ever, it was wonderful. They should have the women take over running the Synod. Steve's niece Iris works for Habitat for Humanity there and Dan is director of the U of K Art

Museum. We had not seen her in many years. Wonderful visit. Lexington was on the way to Chicago and Debbie's family. We saw her sons' families and new homes - beautiful. Steve's Seminary friend Fred moved nearby from Tenn. and they got to spend time together.

No trips overseas this year. We spent Thanksgiving with Katherine and Donny in Atlanta. On the way we spent nearly a week high in the mountains of NC. Ski lodge hotel was at 5300'. They were making snow but were not able to open by the time we left. Love mountains. Then to sister Barb and family in Columbus, Ga. Usually we have come down for a few hours while in Atlanta. This time we were there for a few days. We got to visit with all of them. They are doing very well with better futures. Many blessings to praise and thank God. We also got to tour Columbus, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Ga. rich history.

Steve continues with fill-in preaching at different churches and Saturday Bible Study. He also sends a monthly Concord Ministry letter to those serving time or with special needs. He delights in taking care of our yard with all the plantings, well over 25 trees and large bushes not counting azaleas, hedges, and Rose of Sharon. A Great Blue Heron ate all our goldfish. He flew off as we came in. This year we got our first figs and Camellia blooms.

Lynne continues to keep busy with volunteering at church (as chair of the Shepherding/Outreach Team, preparing the "How to Pray" monthly paper of members to pray for, where needed), at the Senior Center (teaching stained glass class, knitting and crocheting prayer shawls, baby afghans, hats to donate, as a monitor in the Fitness Center). She also continues to lead Moms in Prayer. She enjoys reading Christian novels. They both volunteer at Orphan Grain Train, filling boxes with donated items to send overseas, a 40' container a month. We will celebrate our 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary on Jan. 1. We praise and thank God for surrounding our lives with blessings.

*We praise God for you and ask God to bless you  
in the New Year of 2022*



*Lynne and Steve Funck*



*from our deck*